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Kenneth G. Miller, et al.) Attorney Docket No.: F-711

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Filed: November 25, 2003) Group Art Unit: 3626

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Title: **EARLY BILL PAYMENT PROCESS**

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.
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This communication is submitted prior to the receipt of an Office Action. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks** which begin on page 8 of this paper.

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